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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Senator Robert Morgan Visit to Headquarters 30 October 1978

X1 1. ☐ Senator Robert Morgan (D., N. Car.) spent approximately five hours at Headquarters Building on 30 October accompanied by Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff members Don Sanders, Ken deGraffenreid and Walter Ricks. He addressed a Latin America Division Chiefs of Station Conference on the issue of Congressional oversight and made the following points:

a. He hopes this is his last year on the SSCI. He views membership as having no political advantages. As a member he can't talk about his work and if he could, his constituent's would not appreciate the Committee's activities.

b. He said North Carolinians would prefer intelligence agencies to be unbridled.

c. Senator Morgan voted against formulation of the Church Committee.

d. He praised CIA in the Church Committee report as the finest intelligence center in the world, but was critical of the FBI for certain prior activities, specifically some in North Carolina.

e. Defined the function of oversight as working with the Executive to improve intelligence while protecting individual rights.

f. He described the tools of oversight as budget, law making (charters), and the authority to investigate either in contemplation of legislation or to determine in compliance with existing laws.

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h. Morgan said we must have protective legislation to cover intelligence sources and methods.

i. He was impressed with Admiral Turner's statement regarding the Harvard guidelines stating he does not believe we can follow anyone's guidelines.

2. [] After his meeting, Morgan was briefed on Portugal and Eurocommunism by [] both from ORPA/NFAC. Morgan will be in Portugal on 25 November for a NATO Conference.

3. [] Senator Morgan was briefed by [] A/DDO, [] DDO, on the stations and cities he will be visiting on an upcoming trip. The briefing by []

4. [] Senator Morgan then paid a courtesy call on Dr. Robert Bowie, toured the Operations Center, and lunched with the Director and Frederick P. Hitz, Legislative Counsel.

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